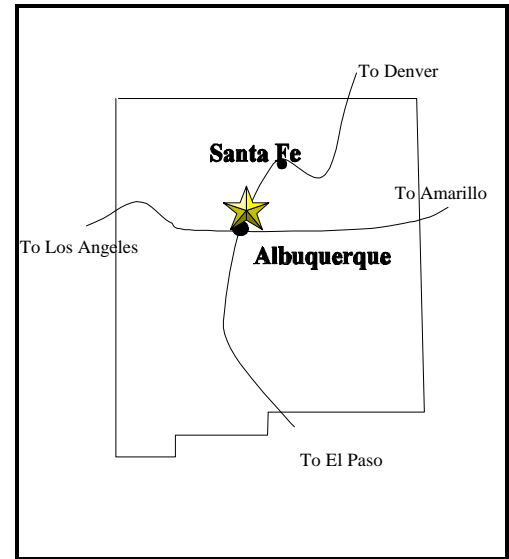


Sandia Pueblo

Solid Waste Program



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History: Archeological evidence indicates that the site has been occupied since at least 1300 A.D. At the time of the Pueblo Revolt, Sandia's population was 3,000 strong. The Pueblo was burned by the retreating Spanish in 1680 and again during early attempts by the Spanish to reconquer. After their village was destroyed, the Sandia people fled first to the Sandia Mountains and later to the Hopi mesas. It was not until 1748 that the Sandia people were allowed to return to their traditional lands.

Solid Waste: According to the POEP, there are four open dumps. A transfer station has been constructed. EPA will be working with the Pueblo, POEP, IHS, and BIA to close the open dumps and ensure that alternative solid waste disposal systems are in place.